

# *The Civil Rights Movement and the Grassroots: How Ordinary People Changed American History*

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### **Abstract :**

Many people have heard the stories of Civil Rights Movement leaders Martin Luther King, Jr., John Lewis and Jesse Jackson, but at its heart, the movement was carried out by everyday people. This talk will highlight the lesser-known African Americans who helped challenge segregation in the US in the 1950s and 1960s, and the ways in which the movement mobilized them. It will also explore the debate over the nature of leadership itself that occurred within the movement.